

## 2008 MLB.com Fantasy Preview: Second Basemen

Stats listed are 2008 projections; dollar values based on standard 5x5 play, \$260 budget per 23-man team

Player	TM	\$\$	AVG	R	HR	RBI	SB	Notes
Chase Utley	PHI	34	.328	126	30	114	12	Fantasy's top 2B worthy of first-round pick.
B.J. Upton	TB	26	.272	94	26	90	33	Potential 30-30 player offers multi-position eligibility.
Ian Kinsler	TEX	25	.288	102	30	97	26	Likely to emerge as all-category force.
Brandon Phillips	CIN	25	.275	90	28	88	30	Could turn in second straight 30-30 campaign.
Robinson Cano	NYY	23	.318	97	24	106	5	Should deliver 100 RBIs in loaded lineup.
Brian Roberts	BAL	23	.288	93	11	54	36	Complements speed with all-around contributions.
Rickie Weeks	MIL	17	.261	95	24	55	28	Could be ready to deliver major power/speed production.
Kelly Johnson	ATL	15	.285	98	20	74	10	Full-time job will allow him to build on '07 numbers.
Dan Uggla	FLA	15	.264	98	32	94	5	Provides legitimate power at light-hitting position.
Jeff Kent	LAD	14	.294	75	20	81	1	Still wields potent bat but showing signs of age.
Howie Kendrick	LAA	13	.320	77	12	68	10	Hitting machine should deliver more power, speed.
Ty Wigginton	HOU	13	.272	68	23	87	1	Should enjoy his new park and favorable lineup spot.
Dustin Pedroia	BOS	12	.305	107	10	58	9	Reigning AL ROY headed for bigger things.
Orlando Hudson	ARI	12	.296	88	13	72	10	Solid all-around 2B enjoys benefits of hitters' park.
Placido Polanco	DET	12	.316	102	8	62	6	Value inflated by career-best numbers in '07.
Aaron Hill	TOR	11	.284	85	18	77	6	Newfound power could be offset by diminished patience.
Freddy Sanchez	PIT	10	.308	84	12	77	2	Improved power solidifies mixed-league value.
Yunel Escobar	ATL	10	.305	90	8	55	10	Comparable to Renteria with contact skills, gap power.
Mark Ellis	OAK	9	.268	75	17	66	8	Provides above-average 2B pop when healthy.
Tadahito Iguchi	SD	9	.292	84	10	58	12	Offensive potential limited by move to PETCO.
Luis Castillo	NYM	9	.298	105	2	44	25	Will accumulate plenty of SB, R in potent lineup.
Felipe Lopez	WAS	9	.276	66	8	43	24	SB potential too great to ignore in mixed formats.
Kazuo Matsui	HOU	8	.266	77	5	40	28	Ripe for letdown after strong contract-year performance.
Asdrubal Cabrera	CLE	6	.287	89	8	65	14	Could approach .300, 100 runs in first full season.
Mark DeRosa	CHC	5	.284	63	10	57	2	Super-utilityman has likely already peaked.
Brendan Harris	MIN	4	.277	59	10	52	3	Bat is legit but could wind up in utility role.
Ronnie Belliard	WAS	4	.284	68	13	64	3	Should benefit from team's move to new ballpark.
Ray Durham	SF	4	.262	68	12	63	7	Has enough left for a rebound year.
Jose Vidro	SEA	3	.302	65	6	49	0	Contributes good AVG, little else at this stage.
Jose Lopez	SEA	2	.263	54	10	55	4	Plate discipline, second-half struggles cause concern.
Alexi Casilla	MIN	2	.258	42	1	19	25	Slap hitter should provide SB for cheap.
Eugenio Velez	SF	2	.270	45	4	30	20	Offers valuable speed and position flexibility.
Danny Richar	CWS	2	.258	42	7	35	7	Power-speed upside but no starting job.
Nick Punto	MIN	1	.275	40	1	22	15	Has speed but no value when not hitting for AVG.
Brendan Ryan	STL	1	.276	36	4	26	10	Contact skills, SB ability worth considering.
Maicer Izturis	LAA	1	.300	50	6	46	9	Quality utilityman usually finds way to earn PT.
Alfredo Amezaga	FLA	1	.268	30	2	16	9	PT likely to drop with OF prospect Maybin on board.
Mark Grudzielanek	KC	1	.290	66	6	48	1	Consistent vet becoming more susceptible to injuries.
Marcus Giles	COL	1	.264	42	8	46	7	Former All-Star young enough to bounce back at Coors.
Ryan Raburn	DET	1	.284	34	7	32	5	Offers more offense than most utilitymen.
Chris Burke	ARI	1	.254	39	6	26	8	Has potential to deliver solid numbers in part-time role.
Adam Kennedy	STL	1	.276	46	5	41	8	Vet should bounce back from injury-plagued '07.
Esteban German	KC	1	.290	45	4	33	10	Gets more starts than most utility guys.
Josh Wilson	FA	1	.260	41	7	39	8	Scrappy utilityman still looking for big break.
Josh Barfield	CLE	1	.258	28	5	27	8	Will likely need to be traded to regain fantasy value.
Jayson Nix	COL	1	.262	35	6	27	11	Infielder can hit and run, could win 2B job.
Alberto Callaspo	KC	1	.277	29	3	24	2	Has keeper-league value as potential starter in '09.
Alexei Ramirez	CWS	1	.282	34	7	34	5	Potential sleeper thrived in Cuba.
Jose Castillo	FLA	1	.255	26	6	30	1	Light bat for a MI, never mind 3B.
Mike Fontenot	CHC	1	.280	35	4	30	6	Developed batting eye should lead to solid average.
Aaron Miles	FA	1	.286	25	1	18	2	One-category contributor headed for decreased PT.
Omar Infante	ATL	1	.268	30	6	32	4	Could see extra AB following trade to Atlanta.
Willie Bloomquist	SEA	1	.262	26	1	15	8	Diminishing speed hurts utility value.
Matt Antonelli	SD	1	.267	44	6	31	6	20-20 performer blocked by Tad Iguchi.
Omar Quintanilla	COL	1	.272	27	3	31	3	Could hit for respectable average with regular AB.
Tony Abreu	LAD	1	.288	18	1	19	1	Hits for a little AVG but has little power or speed.
Alex Cintron	CHC	1	.259	16	2	18	1	Backup infielder has minimal value.
Alex Cora	BOS	1	.240	22	2	15	2	Backup MI unlikely to deliver much at plate.
Chris Gomez	PIT	1	.288	18	2	17	1	Versatile veteran provides solid batting average.
Geoff Blum	HOU	1	.248	27	4	22	0	Veteran to see decreased PT with move to Houston.
Jamey Carroll	CLE	1	.270	28	2	20	5	Contact hitter should improve poor '07 average.
Mark Loretta	HOU	1	.281	24	3	26	1	Veteran contact hitter to see more of a backup role.
Miguel Cairo	SEA	1	.250	16	0	14	7	Diminishing offensive skills limit value as utilityman.
D'Angelo Jimenez	STL	1	.254	21	4	24	3	Former top prospect still trying to find niche in Majors.
Ramon Vazquez	TEX	1	.231	23	5	20	1	Has a little pop but won't play enough to help.
Marco Scutaro	TOR	1	.256	28	4	26	2	Will see fewer AB as backup.
Damion Easley	NYM	1	.246	20	8	22	1	Has pop, but unlikely to bat .280 for second straight year.
Ruben Gotay	NYM	1	.260	15	3	18	2	Provides little upside as part-time 2B.
Matt Kata	PIT	1	.234	10	1	10	0	Utilityman without upside or playing time.
Jose Valentin	NYM	1	.238	18	6	24	1	Aging slugger goes to bench with Castillo re-signed.
Tony Graffanino	MIL	1	.259	17	3	15	1	Injured veteran unlikely to contribute much.
Augie Ojeda	ARI	1	.252	14	1	10	1	Journeyman unlikely to replicate stretch production.
Jorge Velandia	PIT	1	.226	6	1	5	0	Vet likely to spend majority of season in Minors.
Kevin Frandsen	SF	1	--	--	--	--	--	Scrappy youngster likely out for year.